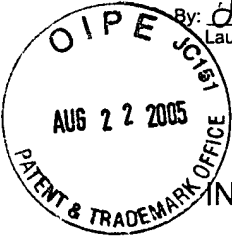


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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In an Office Action mailed July 19, 2005, the Examiner indicated that the subject application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species A is illustrated in figs. 1A-1D and 2A-2B.

Species B is illustrated in figs. 9A-9E.

Species C is illustrated in figs. 10A-10C.

Species D is illustrated in figs. 11A-11C.

Species E is illustrated in figs. 12A-12C.

Species F is illustrated in figs. 13A-13B.

Species G is illustrated in figs. 14A-14B.

In this response, Applicant elects species of Group B for prosecution on the merits. Claims 1-7, 10, and 19-24 are readable on the species of Group B. At least claim 1 is generic to all species. At least claims 1, 2 and 19 are generic to species B-G. As indicated by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim.

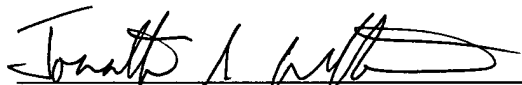
A preliminary amendment accompanies this response to place the application in better form for examination.

This election is made with traverse for the reason that search and examination of the entire application can be made without burden even though the application may include claims to independent or distinct inventions. All formal and informal matters have been addressed. The application is now in good order for examination on the merits.

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